



**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: B. Fubara Group Art Unit: 1615

Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN

Serial No.: 09/726, 193

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For: **CONTROLLED RELEASE METFORMIN  
FORMULATIONS**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

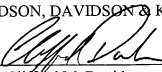
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2002 for two (2) months from October 15, 2002 to December 15, 2002.

The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge \$400.00 covering the two (2) month extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0552. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,  
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